

WILSON'S NOTE URGES DEFENCE

Support Temperate Programme in Congress, He Tells Genesee Society.

PREPAREDNESS SEEMS WINNER IN DEBATE

D. J. Hill and C. Vanderbilt Warn of Peril—Pinchot Wants Content in U. S.

President Wilson seized upon the first opportunity to inject his official personality into unofficial discussion of preparedness last night in a plea to the Society of the Genesee for support for the administration programme.

In a personal letter to Louis Wiley, an official of the society, the President argued in favor of his "temperate and reasonable programme." The letter, which was read at the annual dinner of the society at the Hotel Knickerbocker, was as follows:

"Dear Mr. Wiley: I am very much interested to learn that national defence is to be the topic of discussion at the next annual dinner of the Society of the Genesee. I wish that I might be present to speak of the imperative necessity of pressing forward in this matter. I think the whole country realizes that necessity, and my own hope is that with the greatest sobriety and thought, but with a very clear purpose, the influence of all forward-looking men will be exerted in behalf of the temperate and reasonable programme now before the Congress.

"Cordially and sincerely yours,
"WOODROW WILSON"

Debate on Defence Problem.

The evening's programme of speeches had been planned as a debate, with three speakers on each side of the defence question. It is possible that the unexpected contribution from President Wilson may have had something to do with it, but the general impression was that the pacifists were hopelessly outclassed in the arguments.

There was no doubt as to the attitude of the 250 diners when Henry D. Eterbrook announced that he was not in complete accord with his fellow Nebraskan, the military Colonel Bryan. "I do not question in the least that I represent the true feelings of the Middle West much better than Mr. Bryan," said he. "The Middle West stuck by the government against enemies within in 1860, and we are ready to stick by the government against enemies without to-day. There is no question in my mind about the advisability of adequate preparedness for defence. There is no room for argument against it."

Oswald G. Villard, editor of The Evening Post, and prominent among the pacifists, was the most determined of the anti-preparedness talkers in his opposition to the President's programme.

"The President to-day is reversing himself in demanding an increased naval appropriation," he said. It was but a year ago that he told us we need not be afraid and that above all else the United States must not be turned into an armed camp.

David Jayne Hill said he would be satisfied—and they should be satisfied—with nothing less than an American diplomacy reinforced by the spirit of John Hay's demand upon Morocco: "Fardicars living or Ratsul dead!"

Osborn Opposes Wars.
William Church Osborn, lawyer and pacifist, countered with the assertion that "one war averted is better than ten wars won, and peace with honor is better than victory with glory."
Then Cornelius Vanderbilt, chairman of New York City's committee on national defence, speaking for the absent Mayor Mitchell, held up the vision of what would happen to the country at large if an enemy captured New York, and proceeded to describe how easy the job would be for that enemy.

Amos Pinchot appeared in the role of "practical preparedness" advocate. He said that before guns and ships would amount to much as weapons of defence Bismarck's principle of securing the loyalty of the civilian population by making workers content must be put in force in the United States.

"For my own part," Mr. Hill told the Geneseeites, "I do not doubt there is a highway that leads to peace, but I believe it passes through the narrow gateway of international justice. But still these aspirations, in which we all share, are realized, we shall continue to be confronted by problems of national duty which cannot honorably be disregarded."

There are some things it would be simply cowardly and pusillanimous to refuse or neglect to defend. Whatever the moral law may have to say about the taking of human life, the man who would not defend his wife or child if their lives were endangered is not fit to live.

"What I favor and urge upon my fel-

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PRINCETON BOYS HIT TRAIL
Students Hear That Sunday's Sons May Go to University.

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MISS MARY WOOLSTON TO DANCE.



She is to take part in the patriotic ball at the Biltmore to-morrow, arranged by the "Women of 1915," to provide funds to buy an aeroplane for the Coast Defence Corps of the National Guard.

WOMEN BOOM DEFENCE BALL

Sale of Tickets Insures Purchase of Military Aeroplane.

The aeroplane to be bought for New York's coast defence with the proceeds of the patriotic ball, to be given at the Biltmore to-morrow night, now has everything except a propeller, and it will soon have that if the sale of tickets by the "Women of 1915," continues at the present rate.

Henry Wise Wood, making an address of welcome, will speak on aerodynamics and coast defence. There will be interpretive dancing by Miss Helen Herendeen, who will make her American debut with two original dances, one "The Spirit of Patriotism," and the other a "Danse Fantastique."

Governor and Mrs. Whitman, with the Governor's staff and numerous army and navy officers, will receive.

KINGSBURY SUES DR. BROWN

Commissioner Asks \$50,000 for Alleged Libel in Hospital Dispute

The complaint of John A. Kingsbury, Charities Commissioner, in his suit against Dr. Charles A. Brown, of 155 Halsey Street, Brooklyn, one of the ousted staff of the Cumberland Street Hospital, was filed yesterday in Brooklyn. Commissioner Kingsbury asks \$50,000 damages for alleged libel.

F. H. Field, counsel for Commissioner Kingsbury, said that papers in suits against Dr. William H. Pierson and Dr. B. F. Shea, both members of the old board of the Cumberland Street Hospital, would be ready for service in a few days.

It is alleged Commissioner Kingsbury was libelled in a story published in "The Brooklyn Eagle" on January 10, in which Dr. Brown is quoted as accusing Kingsbury of extravagance and favoritism in the management of his department.

M'LAUGHLIN LOSE FIRE DAMAGE SUIT

Ex-Inspector's Wife 'Overstated' Loss on Paintings, Jury Finds.

Had there been a false overvaluation of the goods or the loss, or both, Judge Charles M. Hough told the jury in the Federal Court that they need not further consider the suit for \$70,194 brought against the National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford by Mrs. William W. McLaughlin, of 60 East Eighty-third Street.

After an hour's deliberation the jury found for the defendant company and that the wife of the retired police inspector overstated the damage caused by a fire in her home on February 23, 1915.

In her complaint Mrs. McLaughlin alleged that valuable works of art, including paintings and etchings by Joshua Reynolds, Landseer, Corot, Millet and other artists, had been damaged and valued at \$75,000. She placed the value of the paintings at \$250,000. Furthermore, members of the McLaughlin family, which includes two sons and two daughters, suffered their loss in pajamas at \$40 and a Japanese silk kimono were in the inventory.

Appraisers called by Edward J. Nathan, counsel for the insurance company, testified that, in their opinion, the fire caused a total loss of only \$7,800. Three other insurance companies were mentioned in the complaint.

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FLOODS BURST ARIZONA LEVEES

Four Feet of Water Covers Yuma Valley—People Flee to Hills.

SHOCK KILLS MAYOR; CITY IN DARKNESS

Canals Filled and Mammoth Irrigation Project Is Threatened.

Yuma, Ariz., Jan. 22.—Yuma Valley was covered with from one to four feet of flood water from the Colorado River to-night as a result of the breaking of the government levees near here to-day.

Business houses in the main street were flooded to a depth of four feet, and many of the older buildings here were washed away or badly damaged. Residents were sent to the hills back of the river.

The city of Yuma was in darkness to-night and without drinking water, as the plants supplying gas, electricity and water were flooded.

A citizens' committee maintained order here, Mayor Charles C. Moore having died of heart failure during the excitement that prevailed after the levees gave way.

Thousands of acres of agricultural land, both on the Arizona and the California sides of the Colorado, were inundated.

Thousands Flee Flooded

Homes in Middle West

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Thousands of persons have been made temporarily homeless and property loss estimated at hundreds of thousands inflicted by floods in Northern Illinois and neighboring states. Several cities are also facing a possibility of epidemic, as the result of pollution of their drinking water.

Reports reaching Chicago to-day told of damage within a radius of fifty miles of Chicago. Hundreds of farms in the Fox, Des Plaines, Rock and other river valleys are inundated, and, although the waters are receding, guards still are being maintained at bridges.

Joliet, Aurora and Elgin, Ill., suffered most. Streets and basements were flooded, much lowland was inundated and residents were driven from their homes. In some cases houses were floated off their foundations and carried away. Dynamite was used to break ice jams.

In southeastern Kansas high waters still prevailed along the Verdigris, Neosho, Elk and Cottonwood rivers to-day.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 22.—The Arkansas River entered flood conditions to-day. Urgent warnings were sent by the local Weather Bureau of impending rises. Reports from White River are that the stream is flooding near Calico Rock. Wires are down in that direction.

BOY SLAYS HIS COMRADE

Turns Rifle on Him when Chance Shot Came Close.

Quincy, Mass., Jan. 22.—In what is said to have been an exchange of shots, Martin A. Gibson, fourteen years old, was killed to-day. Harry T. Nelson, an older boy, is held under bail on the charge of manslaughter. With several companions, Gibson had climbed to an eighty-foot ledge in the quarry district. Seeing Nelson on a pond 1,200 feet away he is said to have discharged a small rifle at a tree near him, for the purpose of frightening him.

At the sound of the shot, Nelson, according to the police, turned instantly, raised his own rifle, and fired. The bullet struck Gibson in the chest, and he died within a few minutes. Nelson claims that he did not fire directly at Gibson but that the bullet ricocheted.

\$400 TRAMP FEARS AN ALIMONY CELL

Nat Wills, Stage Hobo, Says His First Wife Is Too Expensive.

For a tramp the free bed and board of Ludlow Street jail looks like a move for the better. But when one considers that Nat M. Wills, the tramp in question, receives \$400 a week for being a hobo, it doesn't seem much of an improvement. In present conditions Wills thinks it would be.

Wills is a stage tramp. He is appearing at the Hippodrome. He complains that he has a present tense wife and a baby to support and a past tense wife to whom he has to pay \$500 a month alimony. It formerly was \$200 a week. Wills's salary was reduced from \$500 to \$400 a week and the alimony of Mrs. Holmes Wills was reduced to \$500 a month. This is still too much, says Wills in an application to the Supreme Court for a further reduction of the alimony. And if he doesn't get it Wills hints "the inevitable will be jail."

Mrs. Wills the first is known on the vaudeville stage as La Belle Tullahoma. She is now in South America. Wills says that she has property of her own besides receiving a large salary, and that while the only sort of vehicle he can afford to buy is a baby carriage, his former wife has paid \$4,000 for an automobile. Wills married after his first wife divorced him. He points out that, while his salary has been reduced, his expenses have increased, as he has to pay the salary of a nurse for his baby.

Three or six months in jail, depending on the amount of alimony owed at the time of commitment, would exempt the actor from any further payments.

HISTORIC RIFLE FOR MUSEUM

Century-Old Weapon Used in Graves-

Gilley Duel Gift to National Institution. Washington, Jan. 22.—A century-old Derringer rifle, the weapon used by William J. Graves, of Kentucky, in the famous duel in 1838 on a point of honor over corruption charges in the House of Representatives that ended in the death of Jonathan Cilley, of Maine, has just been added to the collection of historic relics in the National Museum, it was announced to-day.

Colonel Wright Rivers, U. S. A., who deposited the rifle in the museum, states that it was made for his father, John Cork Rivers, one of the publishers of "The Congressional Globe," now the by used in rifle practice here by Colonel David Crockett, who lost his life at the Alamo in the Texas struggle for freedom.

STEAMSHIP AFIRE, RETURNS TO PORT

Blaze Discovered in Hold of the Sygna, Carrying Cargo for Russia.

Fire originating from an unknown cause yesterday forced the Norwegian freight steamer Sygna to turn back to port and temporarily abandon her passage to Archangel with a consignment for the Russian government. Norton, Lilly & Co., agents for the Sygna, say the cargo consisted solely of inflammable material, such as steel rails, wire and car parts.

It was impossible for the officials to make an examination yesterday of the hold in which the fire occurred, because of the heat. The hold has been drenched with water and steam, and as soon as the metal cargo cools an effort will be made to determine whether the fire was of incendiary origin. The officers and crew of the steamer said they had heard no explosion. The ship sailed on Friday morning. On the first evening at sea smoke was

noticed seeping from around the hatches and they were immediately uncovered. No flames could be seen, but a volume of smoke poured from the hold. A report of the fire was sent out by wireless and the fireboat Mayor Gaynor went to the ship's assistance. Owing to the intense heat of the deck and the tightly packed cargo, the crew of the fireboat found it difficult to fight the fire and impossible to locate the centre of it. Steam pipes were placed in position and the hold was drenched for several hours before the smoke ceased.

It was at first planned to continue the voyage, but on advice from the boat's agents the ship headed for port on the effects of fatigue on the motor functions.

The lecturer is a Pole, who for fifteen years has been head of the psychophysiological laboratory of Brussels University.

WOMAN FRENCH LECTURER

Polish Professor Will Conduct Course at College of France.

Paris, Jan. 22.—For the first time in its history, a woman is to deliver lectures at the College of France. Mile. Lotzky will begin on Monday a course on the effects of fatigue on the motor functions.

NEW COURT ORDER IN OSBORNE CASE

Weeks Must Show Cause Why Warden Should Not Plead.

District Attorney Frederick E. Wood of Westchester must on Monday appear before Justice Morchauer in White Plains and show cause why Thomas Mott Osborne should not be arraigned and permitted to plead to the indictment charging him with mismanagement as warden of Sing Sing prison and personal immorality.

This is the substance of an order signed by Justice Martin J. Keogh, of the Supreme Court, in his home at New Rochelle late last night on application of Huntington W. Merchant, of course set for Osborne.

By terms of the order, Osborne is to "have such other relief as in good conscience and law he may be entitled to."

An unusual feature of the order is that service may be had by delivering it to any messenger or clerk in the employ of the District Attorney's office by 10 o'clock a. m. Monday. This clause was added to block any further attempt of dilatory tactics by the District Attorney's office.

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2 Matelasse and Velvet Suits.....	Formerly 250.00	75.00
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1 Bordeaux Chiffon Plush, fur trimmed.....	Formerly 275.00	98.50
2 Satin Suits trim'd with beaver.....	Formerly 225.00	145.00
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